

REMARKS

These remarks are made responsive to the non-final office action mailed July 5, 2007.

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-19, 21-22, 24-25, 27 and 29-34 are pending. Claims 2-3, 11-12, 20, 23 and 28 have been cancelled. New claims 29-34 have been added. Claims 1, 4-10, 13-19 and 21 have been amended. Please note a claim 26 was never presented. There was a numbering error so claim 27 followed claim 25.

35 U.S.C. § 101

Various 101 rejections were raised with respect to claims 1-18. Claims 1, 4-9, and 29-30 as amended are directed to a computer-implemented method for generating and outputting a composite image including an object of a second image inserted in a container region of a first image thus illustrating that the invention provides a practical application in the technological arts. Claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the computer-readable medium comprises a software program encoded thereon which when executed by a processor causes the processor to perform a method for generating a composite image. Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments clarify that claims 1, 4-10 and 13-18 are directed to statutory subject matter and request that the rejections be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 4, 12, 13, 20 and 21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3; claim 10 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 12, and claim 19 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 20. The term "similar" in describing a color value has been replaced with "same or substantially same" for consistency with the specification.

New claim 29 depends from amended claim 4, and new claim 30 depends from amended claim 1.

New claims 31 and 33 are independent claims based on the subject matter of former claim 4. Respective dependent claims 32 and 34 recite additional features for claims 31 and 33.

The amendments to the other claims are mostly for consistency of language with the amended independent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the arguments presented above, the pending claims as amended are in condition for allowance, and applicants respectfully request a prompt notice of allowance.

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